

STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER PROTECTION
COMMISSION OF PHARMACY
January 31, 2024

10:00 a.m. The regular meeting of the Commission of Pharmacy was called to order by Commissioner DeFazio. The meeting was conducted by physical attendance and virtually on TEAMS.

Commissioners Present: Angelo DeFazio, Chairperson

Richard Carbray
Debbie Chisolm
Mary Inguanti
Ann Taylor
Kristin Linder

Staff Present: Gina Samples, Board Administrator

New Pharmacy Application (s)

Amity Hub LLC dba Amity Pharmacy
245 Amity Road, Suite 111
Woodbridge, CT 06525
Demesitihias Pantelis, Pharmacy Manager

Commission Action: Commissioner DeFazio moved, seconded by Commissioner Taylor and passed by a vote of 6-0, to approve the above request for a new pharmacy premise provided all the requirements set forth in the Connecticut Pharmacy and Drug Laws as enforced by the Commission of Pharmacy are met.

Atwater Pharmacy LLC dba Fair Haven Pharmacy
135 Grand Avenue
New Haven, CT 06513
Daniel G. Silva, Pharmacy Manager

Commission Action: Commissioner DeFazio moved, seconded by Commissioner Taylor and passed by a vote of 6-0, to approve the above request for a new pharmacy premise provided all the requirements set forth in the Connecticut Pharmacy and Drug Laws as enforced by the Commission of Pharmacy are met.

New Pharmacy Application (s) Cont.

Avon Infusion Center
80 Fisher Drive
Avon, CT 06001
Richmond Kelley, Pharmacy Manager

Commission Action: Commissioner DeFazio tabled the matter for pharmacy manager to reappear next month with revised blueprint plan of the pharmacy for approval.

Backus Retail Pharmacy
326 Washington Street
Norwich, CT 06360
Brienne Nichols, Pharmacy Manager

Commission Action: Commissioner Carbray moved, seconded by Commissioner Chisolm, and passed by a vote of 5-0, to approve and Commissioner Linder recused in the above request for a new pharmacy premise provided all the requirements set forth in the Connecticut Pharmacy and Drug Laws as enforced by the Commission of Pharmacy are met.

Fair Haven Pharmacy LLC dba Fair Haven Pharmacy
351 Grand Avenue
New Haven, CT 06513
Jakka Suneetha, Pharmacy Manager

Commission Action: Commissioner DeFazio moved, seconded by Commissioner Taylor and passed by a vote of 6-0, to approve the above request for a new pharmacy premise provided all the requirements set forth in the Connecticut Pharmacy and Drug Laws as enforced by the Commission of Pharmacy are met.

Midstate Medical Infusion Center
435 Lewis Avenue, Suite 220
Meriden, CT 06451
Casey Dempsey, Pharmacy Manager

Commission Action: Commissioner Carbray moved, seconded by Commissioner Chisolm, and passed by a vote of 5-0, to approve and Commissioner Linder recused in the above request for a new pharmacy premise provided all the requirements set forth in the Connecticut Pharmacy and Drug Laws as enforced by the Commission of Pharmacy are met.

New Pharmacy Application (s) Cont.

Newtown Health Pharmacy
255 S Main Street
Newtown, CT 06470

Linda Doyon, Pharmacy Manager

Commission Action: Commissioner DeFazio tabled the matter for pharmacy manager to reappear next month with revised blueprint plan of the pharmacy for approval.

Seven Pharmacy LLC
345 Main Avenue, Suite 1
Norwalk, CT 06851

Linda Doyon, Pharmacy Manager

Commission Action: Commissioner DeFazio moved, seconded by Commissioner Taylor and passed by a vote of 6-0, to approve the above request for a new pharmacy premise provided all the requirements set forth in the Connecticut Pharmacy and Drug Laws as enforced by the Commission of Pharmacy are met.

Pharmacy Remodel (s)

Big Y Pharmacy #45
234 Tolland
New Haven, CT 06519

Nicole Lefevre, Representative

Commission Action: Commissioner DeFazio moved, seconded by Commissioner Taylor the above remodel request, passed by a vote of 6-0 to and provided all the requirements set forth in the Connecticut Pharmacy and Drug Laws as enforced by the Commission of Pharmacy are met.

CVS Pharmacy #2388
2000 North Main Street
Waterbury, CT 06704

Robert George, Representative

Commission Action: Commissioner Carbray moved, seconded by Commissioner Chisolm the above remodel request passed, by a vote of 6-0 to and provided all the requirements set forth in the Connecticut Pharmacy and Drug Laws as enforced by the Commission of Pharmacy are met.

Pharmacy Remodel (s) Cont.

HCAI Pharmacy dba Koop Community Pharmacy
2595 Main Street, First Floor
Stafford, CT 06615

Jaime Durkin, Pharmacy Manager

Commission Action: Commissioner Carbray moved, seconded by Commissioner Chisolm the above remodel request passed, by a vote of 6-0 to and provided all the requirements set forth in the Connecticut Pharmacy and Drug Laws as enforced by the Commission of Pharmacy are met.

Genoa Healthcare LLC
941 Bridgeport Avenue, Suite M5
Milford, CT 06460

Teresa Garlick, Pharmacy Manager

Commission Action: Commissioner Carbray moved, seconded by Commissioner Chisolm the above remodel request passed, by a vote of 6-0 to and provided all the requirements set forth in the Connecticut Pharmacy and Drug Laws as enforced by the Commission of Pharmacy are met.

Legal Matters

Case Number: **2022-1665; 2022-1878; 2023-7 Walgreens #16080; PCY.0001108**

Attorney Michael Ando presented this case.

Respondent is a Connecticut Pharmacy which was the subject of a routine inspection, and simultaneously investigated for closures and a period with no active manager. Three cases were opened separately but were combined due to their temporal and geographic overlap. Respondent is alleged to have operated without a manager and failed to notify the Commission of a change in manager, failed to adequately label and file prescriptions, failed to keep complete records, failed to notify the Commission of certain closures, and to have had unscheduled closures.

Proposed Resolution:

Counsel for Drug Control proposes a settlement in which Respondent shall pay a voluntary monetary payment amount of \$7,000, which has been paid.

Respondent has voluntarily addressed alleged violations.

Commission Action: Commissioner Inguanti moved, seconded by Commissioner Linder and passed by a vote of 6-0 to accept and approve the aforementioned settlement agreement.

Legal Matters Cont.

Case Number: **2022-1817 Walgreens #5723; PCY.0001418**

Attorney Michael Ando presented this case.

Respondent is a Connecticut Pharmacy investigated following a report that the location was operating without an active pharmacist manager for approximately 2 months. The pharmacy continued to operate without a manager following contact from the Drug Control Division. The Commission was not appropriately notified of a full time, active manager for a period of approximately four months.

Proposed Resolution:

Counsel for Drug Control proposes a settlement in which Respondent shall pay a voluntary monetary payment amount of \$3,000, which has been paid.

Respondent pharmacy has appropriately notified the Commission of a new manager, and such manager has been in place and actively managing the location.

Commission Action: Commissioner Carbray moved, seconded by Commissioner Inguanti and passed by a vote of 6-0 to accept and approve the aforementioned settlement agreement.

Case Number: **2022-1728 Walgreens #18169; PCY.0001277**

Attorney Michael Ando presented this case.

Respondent is a Connecticut Pharmacy investigated following notifications of unscheduled closures. Respondent pharmacy is alleged to have closed the prescription department more than 18 times in a 365 day period with some consecutive closures, to have closed without appropriate notification to the Commission, to have operated without a pharmacy manager, and to have failed to appropriately notify the Commission of pharmacy manager absence and information concerning a new manager.

Proposed Resolution:

Counsel for Drug Control proposes a settlement in which Respondent shall pay a voluntary monetary payment amount of \$4,000, which has been paid.

Respondent pharmacy has appropriately notified the Commission of a new manager, and such manager has been in place and actively managing the location.

Commission Action: Commissioner Taylor moved, seconded by Commissioner Inguanti and passed by a vote of 6-0 to accept and approve the aforementioned settlement agreement.

Request for Pharmacy Internship (s)

Danial Ahamd Ayaz appeared before the Commission of Pharmacy to request a pharmacy internship. The Commission of Pharmacy granted Danial Ahamd Ayaz permission to apply for a pharmacy internship.

Asmaa Nofal appeared before the Commission of Pharmacy to request a pharmacy internship. The Commission of Pharmacy granted Asmaa Nofal permission to apply for a pharmacy internship.

CE Waiver Request (s)

Amanda Abraham upon the 2024 pharmacist license renewal a CE Waiver extension was requested. Ms. Abraham did not complete continuing education requirement for the 2023 calendar year.

Commission Action: Commissioner DeFazio moved, seconded by Commissioner Carbray and passed by a vote of 6-0 to grant an extension to complete continuing education requirements that are missing in the 2023 calendar year to be in compliance for the 2024 license renewal. If the CE credits are not completed a case will be opened with the Drug Control Division and needs to be verified by the Commission of Pharmacy continuing education has been completed by April 1, 2024.

Lauren Albert upon the 2024 pharmacist license renewal a CE Waiver extension was requested. Ms. Albert did not complete continuing education requirements for the 2022 and 2023 calendar year(s).

Commission Action: Commissioner DeFazio moved, seconded by Commissioner Carbray and passed by a vote of 6-0 to grant an extension to complete continuing education requirements that are missing in the 2022-2023 calendar years to be in compliance for the 2024 license renewal. If the CE credits are not completed a case will be opened with the Drug Control Division and needs to be verified by the Commission of Pharmacy continuing education has been completed by April 1, 2024.

Joseph Diloreto upon the 2024 pharmacist license renewal a CE Waiver extension was requested. Mr. Diloreto did not complete continuing education requirements for the 2022 and 2023 calendar year(s).

Commission Action: Commissioner DeFazio moved, seconded by Commissioner Carbray and passed by a vote of 6-0 to grant an extension to complete continuing education requirements that are missing in the 2022-2023 calendar years to be in compliance for the 2024 license renewal. If the CE credits are not completed a case will be opened with the Drug Control Division and needs to be verified by the Commission of Pharmacy continuing education has been completed by April 1, 2024.

CE Waiver Request (s) Cont.

George Donoso upon the 2024 pharmacist license renewal a CE Waiver extension was requested. Mr. Donoso did not complete continuing education requirements for the 2022 and 2023 calendar years and was unable to appear due to being out of the country.

Ebtisam Elhussien upon the 2024 pharmacist license renewal a CE Waiver extension was requested. Ms. Elhussien did not complete continuing education requirements for the 2022 and 2023 calendar year(s).

Commission Action: Commissioner DeFazio moved, seconded by Commissioner Carbray and passed by a vote of 6-0 to grant an extension to complete continuing education requirements that are missing in the 2022-2023 calendar year(s) to be in compliance for the 2024 license renewal. If the CE credits are not completed a case will be opened with the Drug Control Division and needs to be verified by the Commission of Pharmacy continuing education has been completed by April 1, 2024.

Mayur Patel upon the 2024 pharmacist license renewal a CE Waiver extension was requested. Mr. Patel did not complete continuing education requirements for the 2022 and 2023 calendar year(s).

Commission Action: Commissioner DeFazio moved, seconded by Commissioner Carbray and passed by a vote of 6-0 to grant an extension to complete continuing education requirements that are missing in the 2022-2023 calendar year(s) to be in compliance for the 2024 license renewal. If the CE credits are not completed a case will be opened with the Drug Control Division and needs to be verified by the Commission of Pharmacy continuing education has been completed by April 1, 2024.

Iman Montgomery upon the 2024 pharmacist license renewal a CE Waiver extension was requested. Ms. Montgomery did not complete continuing education requirements for the 2023 calendar year.

Commission Action: Commissioner DeFazio moved, seconded by Commissioner Carbray and passed by a vote of 6-0 to grant an extension to complete continuing education requirements that are missing in the 2023 calendar year to be in compliance for the 2024 license renewal. If the CE credits are not completed a case will be opened with the Drug Control Division and needs to be verified by the Commission of Pharmacy continuing education has been completed by April 1, 2024.

CE Waiver Request (s) Cont.

Huong Truong upon the 2024 pharmacist license renewal a CE Waiver extension was requested. Ms. Truong did not complete continuing education requirements for the 2022 and 2023 calendar year(s).

Commission Action: Commissioner DeFazio moved, seconded by Commissioner Carbray and passed by a vote of 6-0 to grant an extension to complete continuing education requirements that are missing in the 2022-2023 calendar year(s) to be in compliance for the 2024 license renewal. If the CE credits are not completed a case will be opened with the Drug Control Division and needs to be verified by the Commission of Pharmacy continuing education has been completed by April 1, 2024.

Valentina Vitale upon the 2024 pharmacist license renewal a CE Waiver extension was requested. Ms. Truong did not complete continuing education requirements for the 2022 and 2023 calendar year(s).

Commission Action: Commissioner DeFazio moved, seconded by Commissioner Carbray and passed by a vote of 6-0 to grant an extension to complete continuing education requirements that are missing in the 2022-2023 calendar year(s) to be in compliance for the 2024 license renewal. If the CE credits are not completed a case will be opened with the Drug Control Division and needs to be verified by the Commission of Pharmacy continuing education has been completed by April 1, 2024.

'First Time' Pharmacy Manager (s)

The following pharmacists presented themselves to the Commission of Pharmacy as 'first time' pharmacy managers in the State of Connecticut:

Commissioner DeFazio provided a summary of the responsibilities that a first-time pharmacy manager has and appreciated their appearance before the Commission. Commissioner DeFazio emphasized the importance of the pharmacy manager's role in contrast to the front-store manager (in many retail settings). Some responsibilities include leadership, technician registration, license renewals, reporting pharmacy operation hours, and prescription error reporting. Provided Information on utilization of the Med-watch Program.

Matthew Arellano	Berney's Pharmacy – New Haven
Costanzo Caparrelli Jr	Walgreens Pharmacy – TBD
Casey Dempsey	Midstate Medical Fusion Center – Meriden
Manuel Montouliu-Espinosa	CVS Pharmacy TBD
Lauren Evanko	Cornerstone Pharmacy – Stamford
Christina Fullerton	Yale New Haven – New London
Chevannah Hardie	CVS Pharmacy – Newington
Barbara Kidala	CVS Pharmacy – Gales Ferry
Doreen Malangko-Kudawoo	CVS Pharmacy – Torrington

'First Time' Pharmacy Manager (s) Cont.

Matthew Listro	CVS Pharmacy – West Hartford
John Madu	Middletown Pharmacy – Middletown
Fred Mason	Hancock LTC – Meriden
Mutahir Niaz	Professional Pharmacy – Stamford
Brianna Arpie-Otfinaski	Midstate Medical Fusion Center – Meriden
Colin Schleicher	CVS Pharmacy – Wethersfield
Daniel Silva	Atwater Pharmacy – New Haven
Timothy Suarez	Stop & Shop Pharmacy – Groton
Michael Tarpinian	CVS Pharmacy – Cos Cob
Guan (Andy) Yeh	Bristol Pharmacy – Bristol

First Time' Pharmacy Manager (s) Not in Attendance

Michele Chung	Yale New Haven Health – North Haven
Christina Fullerton	Yale New Haven Health – New London
Brianna Whitlow	Yale New Haven Health

Reciprocity Interview Candidate (s)

The following candidates(s) were interviewed over the telephone and attested that the information provided was true and accurate to the best of their belief and understood that any misrepresentation of the fact could result in a fine and/or denial of pharmacist licensure in Connecticut.

Stephenne A Brown	Reciprocity from New York
Jennifer Fulbright	Reciprocity from Texas
Kristen Garcia	Reciprocity from Florida
Eric D Garst	Reciprocity from Florida
Holly R Hamilton	Reciprocity from Kentucky
Evan P Keller	Reciprocity from Indiana
Martha Kolker	Reciprocity from Missouri
Seyram Njinimbam	Reciprocity from North Carolina
Rebecca S Samuel	Reciprocity from New York
Steven A Slack	Reciprocity from Georgia
Benjamin Thomas	Reciprocity from New York
Rufina Tsur-Tsar	Reciprocity from New York
Joseph R Tucker	Reciprocity from Indiana

Commission Action: Commissioner Taylor moved, seconded by Commissioner Inguanti and passed by a vote of 6-0 to accept the above application(s) for licensure by reciprocity.

Request (s) for Non-Resident Pharmacy Approval

Access Therapy Center LLC – Pittsburgh, PA
Bioplus Specialty Pharmacy Services LLC – Indianapolis, IN
Imprimisrx Nashville LLC – Nashville, TN
MMRX Health LLC dba Vitascripts – Tampa, FL

Non-resident Applications – Approved with Additional Information

University Compounding Pharmacy – Troy, MI
V-Care Pharmacy of New Hampshire LLC – Londonderry, NH

Commission Action: Commissioner DeFazio moved Commissioner Carbray seconded passed by a vote of 5-0 to accept the above non-resident pharmacy applications.

Request (s) for Non-Resident Pharmacy Approval Cont.

Conley's Drug Store – Ipsich, MA
Cure Stat RX – San Diego, CA
HM Bloomingdale LLC – Saint Petersburg, FL
Hometown Pharmacy & Compounding Center – Bloomingdale, NJ
Manatee Discount Pharmacy – Bradenton, FL
NewYork-Presbyterian Pharmacy – Brooklyn, NY
NewYork-Presbyterian Pharmacy – New York, NY
Pharmalogic Colorado LLC – Aurora, CO
Prime Health Inc dba The Chemist Shop – Long Island City, NY
Rafieh Pharmacy INC – Brooklyn, NY
Undefined Pharmacy LLC dba Undefined Pharmacy – Warren, NJ

Commission Action: Commissioner Inguanti is requesting additional documents for the above non-resident pharmacy applications for further review.

Request (s) Sterile Compounding Services

Coram Alternative Site Services Inc- Sara Harrington-Doyon, Pharmacy Manager
The services were stopped in August 2022. An addendum request to resume sterile compounding services on 2/15/2023.

Approval to Accept Commission of Pharmacy Meeting Minute(s)

November 29, 2023

Commission Action: Commissioner DeFazio motion to accept, Commissioner Inguanti moved and seconded by Commissioner Taylor passed by a vote of 6-0 to accept.

There being no further business, Commissioner DeFazio adjourned the meeting.

Commission Action: Commissioner DeFazio motion to accept, Commissioner Chisolm moved, seconded by Commissioner Linder seconded, and passed by a vote of 6-0 to adjourn.

Respectively Submitted,

Angelo DeFazio

Angelo DeFazio, Chairperson

Prepared by

Gina Samples

Gina Samples, Board Administrator